

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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COUNTY SET TO HOLD ESTATE AUCTION SEPT. 17

Public Administrator Puts Jewelry Cars and More on the Block This Week

Hundreds of items will be auctioned off by the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, <u>Public Administrator/Public Guardian</u> (PAPG), at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The auction takes place at the County Operations Annex in Kearny Mesa, 5201 Ruffin Road San Diego, and will feature a variety of assets from numerous Superior Court-appointed decedent and conservatorship estates managed by PAPG.

"We have a great selection of items, ranging from a great old fashioned Victrola record player to handheld computers," said Kent Schirmer of PAPG.

Registration and viewing of auction items will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the vehicles auction starting at 8:30 a.m., and all other items to follow. Customers are required to both pay for and pick up the auction property by 2:00 p.m. that day. Pictures of all the items for sale are available on the PAPG department's Web site at www.papg.org.

PAPG investigates and administers the estates of persons who die with no will or without an appropriate person willing or able to act as an administrator. Last year, the office received over 1,200 referrals and managed the affairs of 300-400 estates at any given time, which are worth nearly \$50 million. PAPG also investigates conservatorship matters and serves as the legally appointed guardian for elderly and disabled persons found by the Court to be unable to manage their own assets and personal care.

The personal property estate sales are held regularly, on the third Saturday of odd-number months. For additional information about items available for sale, please call (858) 694-3500.

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Editor's note: Members of the media are invited to preview the auction items during the week before the auction. Contact the number above to make arrangements.